Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Andy Westra and we are richer because Andy lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Andy is a tremendous supporter of the Aberdeen community and Northern State University. He operated the Coast-to-Coast store in downtown Aberdeen for 33 years providing part-time and summer jobs for many Northern State College students; and,

Whereas, Andy and his wife, Florence, were the first persons to buy reserved seats when the Barnett Center opened. He is among the most avid fans of Northern State University athletics, particularly basketball, and is sometimes even addressed as Coach Andy; and,

Whereas, Andy will observe his 87th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends, relatives and NSU athletic buddies gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and his relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State